(V) It also makes a renewed attempt to implement the Three Language Formula, emphasizing mother tongue as a medium of instruction including tribal languages.

Assistance to voluntary organisations

1471. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria fixed by Government for providing assistance to the voluntary organizations engaged in the welfare and education of women and children;

(b) the amount released to such NGOs during the last three years, State-wise;

(c) the details the mother NGOs/agencies monitoring these schemes;

(d) whether the working of these NGOs has been satisfactory so far; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) The basic criteria used for selection of NGOs and other agencies for operating the programmes of Department of Women and Child Development include the following:

(i) Registered under one of the relevant statutory acts;

(ii) In existence for a period of at least three years after registration;

(iii) Have audited statements of Accounts for last three years;

(iv) Financial soundness of Implementing Agency;

(v) Recommendation of State Governments/State Level Empowered Committees constituted for the purpose;

(vi) Facilities, resources, personnel, managerial skill and experience in the relevant field.

(b) The details of NGOs to whom funds were released State-wise and Scheme-wise for the last three years are available in the respective Annual Reports of the Department and Department's web site http:// www.wcd.nic.in

(c) to (e) A system exists to review the performance of various organizations through periodical reports, review meetings and field visits of officers of State Social Welfare Board and by State/Central Government Officers.

The proposals of NGO are considered and forwarded by State Level Empowered Committee/State Government. Next installment of funds is released on satisfactory performance of Implementing Agency.

Jan Shikshan Sansthans

1472. KUMARI NIRMALA DESHPANDE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jan Shikshan Sansthans have been established in all districts of the country; and

(b) if so, the criteria for sanctioning such an establishment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir. Till 2004-05, 157 Jan Shikshan Sansthans have been established in different districts of the country.

(b) Availability of funds and suitability of Non-Governmental-Organizations to implement the scheme are taken into consideration.

Educational programmes in NER

1473. SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Total Literacy Campaign (TLC) and vocationalisation of Secondary Education are still not on priority list of most North Eastern States;

(b) whether it is also a fact that several North Eastern States have failed to use the Central funds for important educational programmes;